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#### NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to fairly good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing were reported as mostly normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices ended the week unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady but not quite as good as it was expected to be. Cartoned egg sales were usually light to fairly good with planned feature activity showing the most promise. Loose egg demand was generally moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to fully adequate with sellers holding on to as much product as they can in anticipation of higher prices by the end of next week. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand light to at times moderate for the tight offeirngs. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks tight to adequate.

Trade sentiment fully steady to fir	m. <b>RANGE</b>	MOSTLY		
EXTRA LARGE	65-72	67-69		
LARGE	63-71	65-69		
MEDIUM	49-55	52-55		
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN	PRICES PAI	D TO PRODUCE	RS	
LARGE		48-52		
MEDIUM		32-36		
SMALL		12-16		
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA				

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone ended the week as steady. Demand was light to fair with some increase in feature activity noted for the upcoming week. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate with demand remaining light to moderate. Light type fowl were generally adequate for a fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSILY	
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75	
LARGE	66-81	71-75	
MEDIUM	53-65	55-57	
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, I	ME, NH, easterr	NJ, eastern NY,	PA,
RI Northern VA and VT			

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices ended the week unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with a little caution noted. Retail demand remained light to fairly good with feature activity providing the best interest at this call. Loose egg demand was rated as mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with many sellers trying to hold on to as much product as possible in anticipation of higher prices next week due to Easter sales. **RANGE** 

higher prices next week due to Easter sales.	ŀ	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE		73-82
LARGE		71-80
MEDIUM		53-62
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SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to occasionally good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were sufficient for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate and offerings were adequate with extra supplies confidently held. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules for next week were reported as mostly normal.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 68.5-76 70-73

LARGE 67-74 68-71

MEDIUM 51.5-59 52-56

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PEF DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where feature activity was planned or in progress for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. RANGE EXTRA LARGE 80-84

EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	62-66

**CHICAGO EGGS** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate.

Supplies are adequate.	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-77
LARGE	69-75
MEDIUM	53-59

<u>WESTERN REGION EGG</u> Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 68. Ads in Southern California: major-large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 169, 2 for \$3, large dozen 99, brown medium 20 pack 2 for \$3.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect dis-

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counts or other contract terms.	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	88

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER

DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	95-103
EXTRA LARGE	93-96
LARGE	91-94
MEDIUM	75-78

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	KANGE
JUMBO	259-319
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	209-219
MEDIUM	189-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Demand was light to occasionally moderate with potential buyers finding offerings tight to short of current interest and held in confident hands with asking prices at the current quoted mostly price. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB, MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	43-45	44-45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-34	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

<u>EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK</u> Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. Undertone ranged from steady to fully steady with traders closely monitoring seasonal markets conditions. Floor stocks were adequate although regular suppliers were holding any additional product with confidence. Demand was somewhat improved but still mostly light to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22 March 2003 was 5 percent less than a week earlier and 6 percent less than a year ago.

prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 Lb. minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-40	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-30	23-27
FASTERN REGION AREA:		

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 22-Mar-03 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

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	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,103,928	3 27,636	9,365	5,209	1,917	3,966
PW	1,119,15	3 28,986	9,562	5,182	1,823	4,118
LY	1,073,968	3 25,510	10,128	5,653	1,363	3,876
% CHG	PW -	l -5	-2	1	5	-4
% CHG	LY :	8	-8	-8	41	2
2003	13,362,923	322,664	122,332	67,794	29,940	49,548
2002	13,301,000	304,069	133,380	71,267	32,097	48,645
% CHG	YTD (	) 6	-8	-5	-7	2
(INEDIBI	LE INCLUD	ED)	CUF	RRENT P	REVIOUS	LAST
			,	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
<b>AVERA</b>	GE YIELD F	PER CASE -		42.75	42.38	42.17
<b>AVERA</b>	GE YIELD F	PER CASE -		39.07	38.70	38.45

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 55.5 to 62 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg, steady to fully steady for whites and steady for yolk. Demand was fairly good to instances good for whole egg and whites and mostly fair on yolk. Offerings were tight to just adequate for whole egg, tight to inadequate for whites and usually adequate for yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 28 March, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			(	CHANGE FROM
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	14	37-40	38.48	.60
WHITES	10	24-30.75	25.28	.48
YOLKS	13	56-57	56.42	26

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on whites and salt yolks, higher on whole, and irregular on sugar yolks when compared to previous week's trading. The undertone was fully steady to steady on whites, and steady but improved on balance of items. Trading was light to moderate. Offerings were irregular but usually adequate on most items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22 March 2003 were 9 % less than last week, and 10 % less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30	<b>)</b> LB CONTA	INERS)	LIL
TRUC	KLOTS	(MIN	. 25 CONT.)
	<b>RANGE</b>	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	44-52	46-49	56-60
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		64-80
WHITES	32-42	36-38	40.5-46
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS	) 68-74	71-73	77-87
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-71	65-69	73-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENER	RALLY 28-	32% EGG SOLI	DS.

<u>CENTRAL REGION FROZEN</u> Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk ranged unchanged with whites irregular and salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and generally steady on the balance of products. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for all products with the exception of whites which were reported as usually tight to instances short of current needs. Demand was mostly light. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

,	TRUCKLOTS		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	46-50	46-49	
WHITES	36-38		
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-74	71-73	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69	66-68	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/22 was 2% more than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALES SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	54-57
WHITES	40-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were higher on albumen, unchanged to higher on yolks and whole, and unchanged on blend when compared to last week's prices. Trading was light to occasionally moderate. Offerings of albumen were limited with prices still firm, yolks were in a better balance, and whole egg was adequate. Trade sentiment improved on yolks, and was usually fully steady on whole. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 22 March 2003 were % less than the previous week, but % more than a year ago. Total to date dried egg produced were % less than last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THANTRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.65-1.95	MOSTLY 1.70-1.80
YOLKS	1.59-2.05	MOSTLY 1.62-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.55-2.90	MOSTLY 2.70-2.80
<b>BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER</b>	1.27-1.45	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40

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TRAILER L	<u>OAD EG</u>	G SALE	<u>s</u> week	LY WEI	GHTED A	AVERAG	SE PRICES	(CENTS/DOZ	2) NATIC	)NAL TR	ADING	FOR MA	AR 21, 20	03-MAR	27, 2003
CURRENT	LOADS	56.2	5			<b>FUTUR</b>	E LOADS	52.00		TOTA	L LOAD	S 10	08.75		
	5	SE	1	<b>NE</b>	N	IW			5	SC	N	W	SI	N	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	_	52.43	_	_	52.00	_	19.00	GNR W 1	55.00	56.29	_	_	_	63.90	12.00
GNR W 2	_	51.00	_	_	_		3.00	GNR BR 2	_	_	_	_	_	90.00	1.00
GNR W 3	_	39.00	_	_	_	_	1.00	GL W J	67.00	_	_	_	69.50	71.66	6.25
GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	86.00	87.50	.50	GL W XL	66.09	65.00	_		_	72.50	17.50
GNR BR 2	_	_	76.00	_	_		1.00	GL W LG	62.83	66.67	_	70.50	_	70.71	21.75
GL W J	_	_	_	_	60.24	_	5.25	GL W MD	47.83	49.45	_		_	52.92	11.75
GL W XL	60.17	62.67	_	64.77	61.17	_	34.50								
GL W LG	58.50	62.80	_	65.91	62.95	59.00	26.50								
GL W MD	_	49.00	42.00	_	43.25	47.00	9.75								
GL W SM	31.00	32.75	32.00	33.75	_	_	3.00								
NRBS - 50	_	_	44.00	44.75	_	_	1.00								
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	39.00	44.50	44.38	26.50								
NRBS - 39	_	_	20.00	22.00	_	31.50	2.75								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS

TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal values were unchanged. Offerings of spent here were generally adequate for trade peeds. Demand

**EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal values were unchanged. Offerings of spent hens were generally adequate for trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules for next week were reported as mostly normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices continued unchanged. Demand was light to moderate into slaughter processors and moderate to good into feed supplement type operations. Offerings were usually adequate with some last minute schedule changes affecting spent fowl movement. Opinions of value were mostly steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Salvage values were too few report. Movement of spent hens to processing and disposal avenues were fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were as desired. Disposal costs were generally unchanged.

#### LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<b>RANGE</b>		<b>MAJORITY</b>
Eastern Light	0-8	(1)	5-6
No. Central Light	0-8	(1)	6-8
So. Central Light	<b>TFEWR</b>	(1)	

(1) Removal Cost

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

<u>SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL</u> FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Mar-03 FEDERAL-STATE AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>EX LARGE</b>	LARGE	<b>MEDIUM</b>
NORTHEAST	73.50	73.00	56.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	54.00
MIDWEST	68.00	67.00	53.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	75.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.88	71.48	55.37

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on light canners; unchanged on heavies. Demand was in a full range with limited trading on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance to short with product clearing satisfactorily at most locations. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS				
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)				
20-25 MAJORITY 22.5-23	29-35 MAJORITY 31-32				

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-26.5 MAJORITY 24.75-25
31-37 MAJORITY 33-34

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings irregular.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION WEEK 22-MAR-03
(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

THOUSANDS LIGHT HENS **HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS HEAD** 1.597 1.280 LAST WEEK 1.558 1.356 2.914 SAME WEEK YR AGO 1.812 1,360 3.172 35,454 TO-DATE/2003 19.403 16.051 TO-DATE/2002 21.342 15.508 36.850 U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

**THOUSANDS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS** LIGHT HENS **HEAD** 139 0 139 LAST WEEK 190 3 193 SAME WEEK YR AGO 357 0 357 TO-DATE/2003 3,652 53 3,705 TO-DATE/2002 4,350 20 4,370

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA THOUSANDS LIGHT HENS **HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS** HEAD 1,736 1,280 3,016 LAST WEEK 1,748 1,359 3,107 SAME WEEK YR AGO 2,169 1,360 3,529 TO-DATE/2003 23,055 16,104 39,159 TO-DATE/2002 25,692 15,528 41,220

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade								
U.S. Exports to	Canada, in F	Pounds (000)	(Preliminary)					
Week Ending March 15, 2003 Year-To-Date								
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002				
Liquid	154	300	1,927	3,558				
Frozen	0	0	0	0				
Dried	51	0	135	51				
Total	205	300	2,062	3,609				
U.S. Imports Fro	om Canada,	in Pounds (00	00) (Prelimina	ary)				
Week Ending M	arch 15, 200	3	Year-To-l	Date				
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002				
Liquid	49	80	1,309	1,563				
Frozen	198	117	923	855				
Dried	40	159	87	731				
Total	Total 287 356 2,319 3,149							
Inspected Shell	<u>Eggs</u>							
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U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

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Week Ending M	Year-To-	-Date					
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002			
Jumbo	0	173	0	256			
Extra Large	30	780	180	1,599			
Large	30	641	5,233	14,689			
Medium	3,120	1,437	8,884	12,163			
Ungraded	0	0	1,470	0			
Misc	660	60	1,392	5,584			
Total	3,840	3,091	17,159	34,291			
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/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

### <u>WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> (INCL GOVT STOCKS) SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	03/24/03	2,756	185,901	62,110
AM	03/01/03	2,772	174,509	68,879
CHG		-16	11392	-6769
PCT (	CHG	-1%	7%	-10%

<b>MOVEMENT OF EGGS I</b>	W/E 22-Mar-2003			
SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT (	HG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THO	THOUSANDS		LY
ATLANTA	21.2	19.6	8	-17
BOSTON	3.8	3.5	9	12
CHICAGO	43.9	53.7	-18	-38
DETROIT	31.2	28.0	11	-17
KANSAS CITY	3.8	4.1	-7	-45
LOSANGELES	82.6	86.9	-5	-30
NEW ORLEANS	12.7	12.7	0	12
NEW YORK	31.5	32.1	-2	-8
ST. LOUIS	17.7	17.0	4	6
SAN FRANCISCO	22.3	22.1	1	-20
TOTAL	270.7	279.7	-3	-23
4 WK MVG AVG	277.1			

<u>COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT</u> W/E 22-Mar-03 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM		
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY	
N. ATLANTIC	222.4	-1	-5	
E.N. CENTRAL	568.8	-1	9	
W.N. CENTRAL	292.1	2	5	
S. ATLANTIC	206.3	4	-2	
S. CENTRAL	100.2	0	12	
WEST	181.8	-2	-15	
TOTAL	1571.6	0	1	
MATCHED PLAN	TS REPORTING	86	85	

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PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

MAINE MOSTLY	EXTRA LARGE 131 -	<b>LARGE</b> 122	<b>MEDIUM</b> 92 -	<b>SMALL</b> 53
NEW HAMPSHIF	RE 124-128	115-119	85-89	46-50
MOSTLY	126-127	117-118	87-88	48-49
RHODE ISLAND	130-134	121-125	91-95	52-56
MOSTLY	130	121	91	52
VERMONT	130-134	125	89-95	-
MOSTLY	134	-	95	

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